Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1819.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Wednesday, the 1st day of September, A.L. 5819.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
E. THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. and E. PAUL DEAN, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL DAVIS, . .	" "
" JOHN SCOTT, . . .	" "
" JOHN COOK, . . .	" "
" RICHARD HUNNEWELL, .	Grand Tyler.
" JOSEPH CURRIER, . .	" "

Past Grand Officers.

E. JONATHAN GAGE,	E. ABRAHAM PERKINS,
" OLIVER PRESCOTT,	" GILMAN WHITE,

E. William Woart, E. Nath'l Knapp,
" Joshua Greenleaf, " Henry Purkett,
" Stephen Howard, " Andrew Sigourney,
E. John Abbot.

Chapters Represented.

St. Andrew's, Boston, Washington, Salem,
King Cyrus, Newburyport, Morning Star, Springfield,
Mount Vernon, Portland, Rising Sun, Nantucket,
St. John's, Groton, St. Paul's, Boston,
Franklin, Greenfield.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting were read.

The following communication was read, and the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay the amount assessed on the Grand Chapter.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest
of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts:

The Sub-Committee appointed by the several committees from the different Masonic societies, to fit up and furnish the old Masonic Hall in Ann street; to receive, examine, and pay all bills, and proportion the expenses agreeably to the rent, have so far attended to that duty as to collect all bills for repairs, furniture, &c., and find the whole amount to be $545.93; therefore the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts are to pay $32.75, being its proportion.

Respectfully, your Brethren,

Signed, Calvin Howe, Samuel Thaxter, } *Sub-Committee.*

Boston, Jan. 16, 5819.

A correspondence between the Deputy Grand High Priest and Morning Star and Franklin Chapters was read, and ordered to be placed on the files of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Voted*, That at half-past twelve o'clock, the Grand Chapter do resolve themselves into a committee of the whole for the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Voted*, that E. Comps. Henry Purkett, Joseph Jenkins, Paul Dean, Thomas P. Jackson, and Samuel L. Knapp, be a Committee to investigate the charge contained in a letter of Comp. Titus Strong to the Deputy Grand High Priest against King Hiram's Chapter, for a violation of the Constitution relative to the fees for the exaltation of candidates.

E. Comps. Andrew Sigourney, William Woart, and Martin T. Morton, were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts, who, having attended to that duty, reported as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed by the M.E. Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and examine the records of the Grand Secretary and report a compensation to those officers, respectfully report, that they find the accounts of the Grand Treasurer in exact and conspicuous order, rightly cast and regularly vouched, and that there is a balance in his hands of six hundred dollars and seventy-six cents; that the records of the Grand Secretary are in careful and correct order. The Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines receiving any compensation for his services; and your Committee recommend, that considering the duties of the Grand Secretary have very much increased, that he be allowed the sum of thirty dollars, for his services the past year.

Signed, Andrew Sigourney, per order.

Sept. 1, 1819.

Which report was accepted.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers, the Grand Chapter resolved themselves into a committee of the

whole, agreeably to their vote. M.E. John Abbot, Esq., was called to the chair, and Comps. Joseph Jenkins, H. Whipple and H. B. Gardner, were appointed a Committee to collect, count and declare the votes.

The Companions having voted for the several officers, the committee of the whole rose and reported to the Grand Chapter the following elections, viz:

M.E. and Hon. Jas. Prescott of Groton,	Grand High Priest.
E. Robert Lash of Boston,	Grand King.
E. and Rev. Jas. Morss of Newburyport,	Grand Scribe.
" Thomas P. Jackson of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
" John James Loring of Boston,	Grand Secretary.

Previous to the election of officers, the Companions were notified that M.E. Comp. Joseph Brown having accepted the office of High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter, was not eligible to any office in the Grand Chapter. It was unanimously *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented him for his faithful and acceptable services as Grand King and Grand Scribe for the three years last past.

Voted, That E. Comps. Andrew Sigourney, John Abbot and Jonathan Gage, be a Committee to wait on E. and Rev. Comp. Morss, inform him of his election, and request his acceptance of the office. They attended to that duty and reported his acceptance; he was then introduced and duly installed as Grand Scribe.

The Grand Secretary received and read a communication from M.E. and Hon. James Prescott, accepting the office of Grand High Priest, to which he had been elected, and making the following appointments, viz:

E. Henry Fowle,	Dep. Gr. High Priest and Gr. Visitor.
" William Barry,	Grand Marshal.

Rev. and E. Paul Dean,	Grand Chaplain.
" " Ezekiel L. Bascom,	" "
" " Alpheus Harding,	" "
" " Thomas Carlisle,	" "

Voted, That E. Comps. Andrew Sigourney, Jona. Gage, and Henry Purkett, be a Committee to consider the second article of the Constitution, to see if any alteration therein is necessary and expedient, and if any, what; and that this Committee be requested to report at the present Communication of this Grand Chapter, if practicable. The Committee having attended to the duty, reported as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed to consider and report on an alteration of the second article of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, respecting the meetings of the said Grand Chapter, having maturely considered the same, report, that in their opinion, the future meetings of said Grand Chapter ought to be permanently held in Boston, viz: on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in June, September and December; and that the Annual Meeting for the choice of officers shall be in December. And that the officers this day elected and appointed, and those to be appointed, shall hold their offices until the election of December, 5820, but in the meantime the meetings shall be held on Tuesday as above reported.

Signed, Andrew Sigourney, per order.

After considerable discussion, it was *Voted*, That the above report lay over until the next Regular Communication.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay from the funds of this Grand Chapter, the expenses of the officers, or their proxies, whose duty it may be to attend the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. And also, that he pay the sum of fifty dollars to E. Comp. Henry Fowle, in addition to his expenses, as a compensation for his loss of time,

and in consideration that he will represent the interest of this Grand Chapter in the meeting of the said General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer reported that he had received returns from the following Chapters, viz: St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. John's, Rising Sun, and King Solomon's.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comp. John Abbot for his services as Chairman of the Convention this day.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were partly recited, and the Grand Chapter closed.

A true copy from the record,

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, in Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 7th, A. L. 5819.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSHUA GREENLEAF, .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JOSEPH BROWN, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ALEX'R BOWERS, . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. and E. PAUL DEAN, . .	Grand Chaplain.
" " ALPHEUS HARDING,	" "

Comp. SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" WM. EATON, . . .	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. JOHN ABBOT,	E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
" S. L. KNAPP,	" NATH'L KNAPP.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. John's, Mount Vernon, King Solomon's, King Hiram's, Adoniram, Rising Sun, and King Cyrus.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed to investigate the charge contained in Comp. Strong's letter, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Committee on the second article of the Regulations, reported as at the last communication, on which,

Voted, That the subject be again committed to the same Committee to report at the next communication.

A letter from E. Comp. Robt. Lash, stating his having accepted the office of High Priest of St. Andrew's Chapter, and resigning that of Grand King, was read.

Voted, That at nine o'clock, this evening, the Grand Chapter proceed to the choice of Grand King, for the year ensuing.

E. Comps. Barry and Bowers were appointed a Committee to collect, count, and declare the votes. E. Comp. Caleb Butler was chosen, and E. Comps. John Abbot, Andrew Sigourney, and Paul Dean, were appointed a Committee to inform him of his election and request his acceptance of the office. They having reported his acceptance, he was introduced and duly installed into the office.

A petition from Comp. Zabdul Hyde and others, to hold a Chapter at Bath, was read and committed to E. Comps. John Abbott, Sam'l L. Knapp, and Andrew Sigourney, who having attended to the duty assigned them, reported in favor of their application, which report was accepted, as was also a report made by the same Committee in favor of a petition from Comp. Erastus Foote and others, to hold a Chapter at Wiscasset.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were in part given, and the Grand Chapter was closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Wednesday afternoon, 29th December, A. L. 5819.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH BROWN, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" NATH'L KNAPP, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. and E. PAUL DEAN, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM EATON, . .	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

E. SAMUEL L. KNAPP, E. ROBERT LASH.

Chapters Represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

A petition was read from Comp. Hiram A. Bement and others, to open and hold a Chapter at Hallowell, in the District of Maine.

Voted, That said petition be committed to E. Comps. John Abbot, Sam'l L. Knapp, and Robert Lash, who reported, as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed as above are unanimously of opinion that the prayer of the foregoing petition be granted, and that the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to issue his dispensation for holding a Royal Arch Chapter as prayed for.

Signed, JNO. ABBOT, per order.

GRAND CHAPTER, Boston,
Dec. 29. A. L. 5819.

Voted, That the above report be accepted.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION.

At a Regular Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 13th, A. L. 5820.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JOSEPH BROWN, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM BARRY, . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. SAMUEL DAVIS. . .	Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM EATON, . .	Grand Tyler.
E. SAMUEL L. KNAPP, . .	Past Grand King.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Morning Star, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the charge contained in Comp. Strong's letter, reported as follows, viz:

BOSTON, May 20th, 1820.

The Committee of the Grand Chapter to whom was referred the complaint made against the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, at Greenwich and Greenfield, have considered the subject, and ask leave to recommend, that the following course to obtain satisfactory evidence be pursued, viz:—That a Committee of three be appointed by the Grand Chapter, to proceed to said places, or where it shall be thought the most proper place, with full powers to send for persons and papers, and there thoroughly investigate the ground of the charges, and report by a statement in writing to the Grand Chapter.

Signed, HENRY PURKETT, JOSEPH JENKINS, SAM'L L. KNAPP, THOS. P. JACKSON, } *Committee.*

Voted, That the foregoing report be accepted, and E. Comps. C. Felch, S. L. Knapp, C. C. Nichols, Joseph Brown,

and Wm. Barry were appointed a Committee to nominate a Committee for the purposes therein expressed. They having attended the duty assigned them, reported as follows, which report was accepted, viz:

The Committee of the Grand Chapter appointed to nominate a Committee to investigate certain charges against Franklin Chapter, Greenfield, and King Hiram's Chapter, Greenwich, report, that it nominates E. Comp. Sam'l L. Knapp, Esq., of Boston, E. Comp. Jonathan Gage, Esq., of Newburyport, and Comp. Col. Roswell Lee, of Springfield, as said Committee; that the chairman of said Committee be directed to give the High Priests of said Chapters, at least one month's notice of the time and place of the meeting of said Committee, for the investigation of such charges as may have been made against said Chapters and require their attendance, and that the expenses of said Committee be paid by the Grand Chapter.

By order of the Committee,

Signed, C. FELCH, *Chairman.*

June 13th, A. L. 5820.

The following communication from St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter was read and accepted, viz:

COMPANION,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the causes which led to the rejection of Bro. Joel Nason's application in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, have been more fully investigated and satisfactorily explained and removed, so that he has been accepted as a candidate in said Chapter. You will have the goodness to communicate this to the M.E. Grand Chapter.

Yours with fraternal regard,

Signed, JOHN HOWE, *Sec'y*
St. Paul's R. A. Chapter.

J. J. LORING, Esq., *Gr. Sec'y.*

The Committee on the second article of the Regulations reported progress and had leave to sit again.

On motion, *Voted*, That the eleventh and twenty-first articles of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on the second article, to report such alteration thereon as they may think advisable.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were in part given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

A true record.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	*Established previously to the Grand Chapter.*
King Cyrus, Newburyport,	*Established previously to the Grand Chapter.*
St. John's, Groton,	Charter dated 5803
Mount Vernon, Portland,	do. 5805
King Solomon's, Charlton,	do. 5805
Washington, Salem,	do. 5811
King Hiram's, Greenwich,	do. 5815
Adoniram, Attleborough,	do. 5816
Morning Star, Springfield,	do. 5817
Franklin, Greenfield,	do. 5817
Rising Sun, Nantucket,	do. 5818
St. Paul's, Boston,	do. 5818

Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be directed to John J. Loring, Grand Secretary, Boston.